

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Previously Presented)

A method for increasing the sugar content of beets, said method comprising administration of copper salts of caprylic amino acids to beet crops in an amount effective to increase the sugar content of said beets.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented)

A method of treating potatoes to increase crop yield by administering to a potato crop, at the end of the tuberisation phase, two doses of 50 g. each per hectare of copper salts of butyric-amino acids.

Claim 18-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented)

A method of treating potatoes to increase crop yield by administering to a potato crop, at the end of the tuberisation phase, at least one dose of copper salts of butyric-amino acids

in an amount effective to increase the crop yield of said potato crop.